

## Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

<b>President</b> <b>David Cosh VY2DAC</b>	<b>Vice President</b> <b>Bill McMasters VY2WM</b>	<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b> <b>Charles Easter VY2CE</b>
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### Minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting

President David Cosh VY2DAC called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Members Present were:

David Cosh VY2DAC	Charles Easter VY2CE	William McMaster VY2WM
Brian Weaver VY2OG	Ron MacKay VE1AIC	Syd MacDonald VY2MAC
William Caw VY2EH	Reg Sharkey VY2REG	Tyler MacLean VY2TM
Joel MacLean VY2KW	June (Ildefonso Domenden) SWL	Therese Mair VY2TAM

Also Guest Rodney Mann VY2CJ

Regrets received from Brent Taylor VY2HF, Bill Glydon VY2LI and Stirling Carr VY2SEC

Dave announced that Bill Perry VY2BP has been going through a very difficult time of late. His wife is very ill. A card was circulated and signed by members in order for us to send Bill our support during this difficult time.

#### Minutes of the last meeting, January 2, 2020:

Secretary Charles VY2CE read the minutes of our last meeting. Moved for approval by Charles and it was seconded by Brian VY2OG. The motion was carried.

#### Business arising from the minutes:

Furthering the Dual Membership proposal between the Charlottetown and the Summerside Amateur Radio Clubs, Dave explained that the Summerside Club (SARC) had not had a chance to discuss this further due to their last meeting having to be cancelled because of inclement winter weather. We will bring this topic up again for our next meeting.

Brian VY2OG asked if there was any updated information on the new repeater being installed in Eastern PEI. Ron VE1AIC reported that there was a delay in the installation due to a hold up of gaining permission to climb the site's tower.

Dave VY2DAC reported that he had not had any further updates from EMO.

William VY2EH has been nominated for the new PEI RAC Section Manager. Nominations will close on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will now use the section "PE" instead of "MAR" for contesting.

President's Report:

Dave began by congratulating Charles VY2CE and presenting him with a Lifetime Membership to our Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club. Charles has been an integral part of the club for more than 16 years and has been a member of the executive throughout the club's lifetime. Charles got his license in the late 1960s. All members showed him their appreciation by applause and exclamations of appreciation.

Dave also updated us on his continuing liaison with EMO. Dave, William VY2EH and Brent VY2OG have been assisting EMO with creating an inventory of the EMO's radio equipment.

Dave moved for approval of his report. It was seconded by William VY2WM. Motion carried.



There were no Committee Reports:

Thanks were given to Ron VE1AIC for his work in continuing to update the CARC website.

Correspondence:

Emails from RAC giving various announcements.

Email from RAC with our Certificate of Insurance. We can read the total policy online.

New Business:

Rodney VY2CJ updated us on the upcoming Summerside SARC meeting where they will discuss the prospect of Dual membership between our two Radio Clubs.

Encouragement was given for Solomon Kappala SWL while he works towards receiving his Amateur Radio license under examiner Brent Taylor VY2HF.

There was discussion about the upcoming S.M.A.R.T. Convention in Springhill, N.S. in the later part of April, 2020. Ron VE1AIC will once again be putting on a demonstration. George Dewar VY2GF is doing much of the organizing. William VY2WM will be putting on a presentation of Moon Bounce. Therese VY2TAM will be setting up a table for female Amateur Radio operators.

There was further discussion about the Antenna on the EMO building in Charlottetown. Dave has been up to the roof to examine it and to help with an inventory of their radio equipment.

There was a short discussion on emergency power supply from vehicles perhaps being harnessed for radio.

There was also some discussion on an FT8 code used called JS8 Call for possible use in low power situations and emergency communications. William expressed an interest in trying this out and then reporting on it to us in an upcoming meeting. Brian VY2OG and Ron VE1AIC spoke of "Winley" and how it is also sometimes used in emergency situations.

There was a brief discussion on Winter Field Day. Doug VY2DS and Darryl VY2OM participated.

June Field Day was brought up and members discussed the possibility of getting involved either individually or with the Red Cross. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

William McMaster VY2WM adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

President Dave Cosh VY2DAC

Secretary Charles Easter VY2CE

Recorded by Therese Mair VY2TAM